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Dear Colleagues, Competitors, and Security Professionals,

Welcome to the 35th Anniversary of the Security Protection Officer Training Competition (SPOTC). As always, you can count on an exciting week of events —individual and team activities— designed to test and enhance competitors' weapon skills and tactical skills. These skills contribute directly to overall security at critical facilities.

Our National Training Center (NTC) goal is to make your visit to our campus enjoyable and rewarding, and to make the competition challenging and fair. We feel we have accomplished this with our 2007 competition. Nevertheless, if you see a way we can make your stay even better, please let us know.

To prepare for your visit, please visit the NTC SPOTC web page (http://spotc.doe.gov/), where you will find everything you need for this year's event. If you have questions or concerns, contact the appropriate individual listed on the previous page, or e-mail us.

Enjoy your stay in Albuquerque. We look forward to seeing you in May.

Jeffrey P. Harrell, Director National Training Center Office of Health, Safety and Security

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SPOTC 2007 Schedule of Events

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, May 20	0700 - 0930	Mandatory Team Check-In	Marriott Hotel
	0800 – 1300	Weapons Inspection	Live Fire Range
	0800 – 1300	Teams to Zero Weapons	(LFR) R&D Range/Armory
	1400 – 1600	Team Captains' Meeting	Main Campus NTC Classroom 2020
	1700 – 1815	Team Photos	Marriott Hotel
		Welcome/Administration Briefing – Jeffrey P. Harrell	
	1830 – 1945	Event Briefing – Bill Yaegle Safety Briefing – Tim Wickett	Marriott Hotel
Monday,	0000 1700		LED
May 21	0800 – 1700	Individual Stages 1–5	LFR
Tuesday	0800 – 1700	Vendor Exhibits	LFR
Tuesday, May 22	0800 – 1000	Individual Stages 1–5, continued	LFR
	0800 – 1600	Vendor Exhibits	LFR
	1300 – 1700	Team Events 1–5	LFR
Wednesday, May 23	0800 – 1430	Team Events 1–5, continued	LFR
	0800 – 1600	Vendor Exhibits	LFR
	0800 – 1600	Vendor Demonstrations	LFR – Rifle Range 1
Thursday, May 24	0720 – 1400	Super Team Event	LFR
	1800 – 2100	Awards Ceremony and Dinner	Marriott Hotel

General Information

The DOE National Training Center (NTC) is proud to host the 35th annual Security Protection Officer Training Competition (SPOTC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. SPOTC is an annual, tactically oriented, security firearms competition sponsored by the DOE Office of Health, Safety and Security. The competition provides individual and team firearms and tactical training in a competitive environment.

This program describes the 2007 SPOTC format and special conditions. It is supplemented by the *2007 SPOTC Rulebook* (downloadable at http://www.ntc.doe.gov/SPOTC).

Visit the SPOTC website often for up-to-date information. Scores and pictures will be posted frequently during the competition.

Accommodations/Headquarters

Competition headquarters is the Albuquerque Marriott at 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE, located just north of I-40 (at Louisiana). Participants who need hotel accommodations are encouraged to stay at the Marriott because they will be easier to contact in case of emergencies, scoring ties, or changes to the competition schedule.

For reservations, contact the Albuquerque Marriott at 800-228-9290 and provide the group number "NTCNTCA," or reserve online at www.Marriott.com/ABQNM and enter "NTCNTCA" in the Group Code box.

During the week, the hospitality suite will serve as an information and message center. Scores will post electronically at the hotel as soon as they are entered at the Live Fire Range (LFR).

Emergency Messages and Announcements

Official bulletin boards will be set up at the LFR and at the Marriott Hotel. Changes in the competition schedule, scores, instructions in the case of ties, and other information will be posted in both locations.

Messages can be left with the NTC receptionist at (505) 845-5170 (press "0" at the recording), and at the NTC Live Fire Range at (505) 845-5170, x608. The hotel's phone number is (505) 881-6800. Although every effort will be made to contact participants in the event of an emergency, team captains should check the boards frequently.

Transportation, Base Access, and Directions

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. All major car rental companies are represented at the Albuquerque International Sunport.

The Marriott Hotel is approximately 15 minutes from the airport. The airport exit will lead you north on Yale Boulevard. Turn right at Gibson Boulevard (the

first major street), and travel east on Gibson to Louisiana Boulevard. Turn left on Louisiana and continue north past the freeway. The hotel is on the left as you head north on Louisiana.

The Live Fire Range is on Kirtland Air Force Base.

IMPORTANT: To enter the base, you will need a valid driver's license and military or DOE identification. Base passes will be issued at the gate. If you lack military or DOE identification, visit the SPOTC website (http://www.ntc.doe.gov/SPOTC) and complete the base access forms no later than May 11, 2007.

To drive onto the base, you will need your driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance; or your driver's license and car rental agreement.

Directions to the Live Fire Range (Refer to maps in this guide and on the NTC website.)

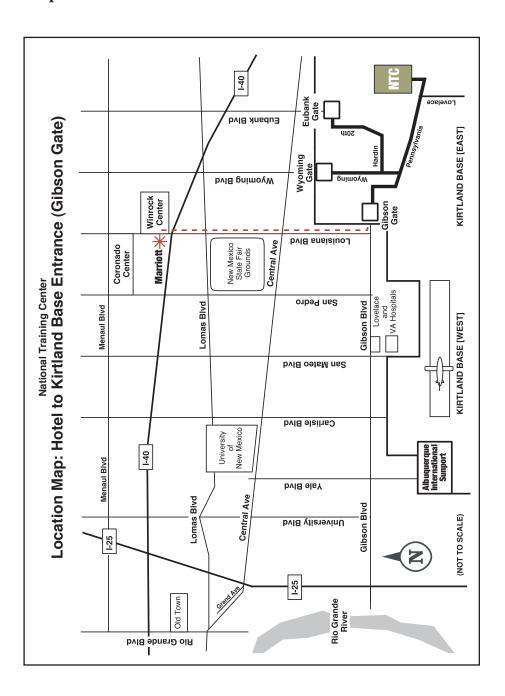
As you leave the Marriott Hotel, go south on Louisiana to the light at Gibson. Turn left on Gibson and go straight (east) until you reach the entrance of Kirtland Air Force Base. (**NOTE** The trip from this base entrance gate to the Live Fire Range is approximately 13 miles.)

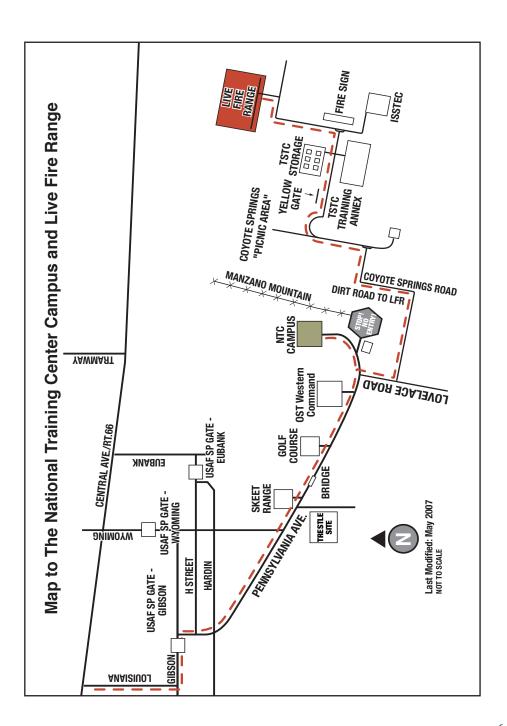
Turn right at Pennsylvania Avenue (the first light after the gate guardhouse). Pennsylvania runs south through two stop signs and a stoplight, then curves to the left and continues east (toward the mountains again). Continue east on Pennsylvania over the bridge, passing first a golf course and then a horse stable, both on your left.

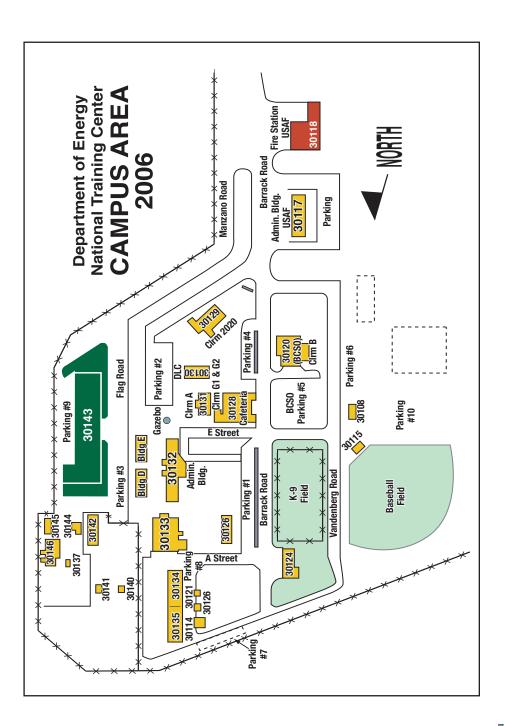
Turn right on Lovelace Road. Lovelace Road will take you south a short distance and then curve back to the east. Turn left onto the first gravel road, Coyote Springs Road.

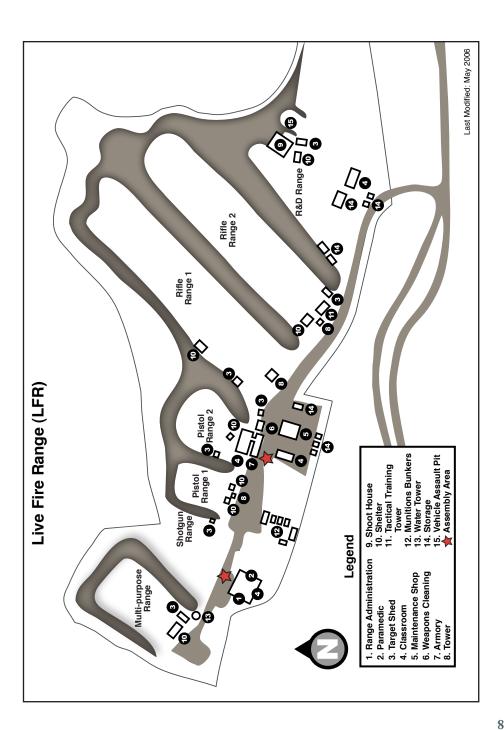
Go north about 4 1/2 miles on the (rough) gravel road. You will be able to see the two-story administration building to your left before you get to it. Shortly after that, you will come to the paved entrance to the Live Fire Range (on the left).

Maps









Incidentals

Climate

The arid New Mexico climate is generally mild in May with temperatures ranging from the mid-40s to the low 90s. Nevertheless, thunderstorms and temperatures above 100° are possible, so hats, sunscreen, and rain gear are recommended. Also remember that the Live Fire Range is at an altitude of 6,000 feet. You might need time to acclimatize.

Fire Restrictions

Depending on fire conditions, the entire LFR may be declared a nonsmoking area. Under such conditions, **smoking is prohibited** at the LFR for the duration of SPOTC, not only inside buildings and government vehicles, but also outdoors.

City Information

For information about our city, entertainment, etc., visit "The Official Source for Information about Albuquerque" site at http://www.itsatrip.org/

Food and Drink

You'll be able to buy food, snacks, and drinks at the Live Fire Range. This year, we feature sandwiches, beverages, breakfast burritos, and more, served by Mad Max's BBQ. The snack bar at the NTC's main campus is open from 7 AM to 4 PM.

In the Marriott Hotel, you'll find a restaurant and bar. Several other restaurants are nearby.

Competition Requirements

Eligibility

To compete for DOE Security Protection Officer of the Year, DOE teams may send one to six participants to shoot in the individual phases of the competition. Non-DOE teams may send one to six participants to compete for Police/Military Security Protection Officer of the Year.

Only DOE teams may compete in the five-man team phases of the competition for the DOE Secretary's Trophy.

Non-DOE teams may compete for the Police/Military Team Trophy. A "team" consists of five competitors and one alternate. The designated alternate may compete *only* in the individual phases. One team member must be the designated team captain.

Participation

This year's competition involves two changes affecting DOE team composition and medical requirements.

Team Composition

Each DOE team competing in SPOTC must have the following composition of team members:

- 1 team captain/team leader (must be an SPO line supervisor)
- 4 SPO team members
- 1 SPO alternate

At least three of the team members must be new competitors. "New competitor" is defined as someone who has not been part of a SPOTC team within the last three years. One of the new participants must be the alternate. The remaining two new competitors may hold any other position.

Medical Requirements

This year, all competitors were required to submit medical/physical-fitness forms signed by their site medical directors (for DOE competitors) or other licensed physicians (for non-DOE competitors).

Firearms

SPOTC includes use of pistols and rifles. Sites may use their site-issued firearms or request the use of NTC firearms. Please check with the senior gunsmith at (505) 845-5170 x610 to ensure that the preferred type of firearm is available in our armory.

Exception: Machine guns used in competition courses of fire will be provided by the NTC. *Only* designated participants will be allowed to operate the machine gun during the competition.

If a site elects to use its own firearms, the NTC senior gunsmith must receive them before May 18 to allow time for inspection. Although weapons may be delivered to the NTC Armory up to the time scheduled for zeroing, the weapons may *not* be zeroed until they have been inspected by an NTC-certified armorer. (See "Shipping Firearms" on the next page.)

An NTC-certified armorer will inspect the firearms for compliance with safety and competition rules. The firearms are subject to a re-check by competition officials at any time, without warning. If a firearm needs minor repairs, an NTC-certified armorer will repair it. Competitors will be notified about any repairs. Firearms that need major repairs will be declared unserviceable and will not be allowed in the competition.

Zeroing Rifles

Teams may zero their rifles at the Live Fire Range on Sunday, May 20. Contact April Duimstra at aduimstra@ntc.doe.gov to schedule your time.

M249 Familiarization Course

Teams must schedule a time to attend the *M249 Familiarization Course* on Sunday, May 20. Contact April Duimstra at aduimstra@ntc.doe.gov to schedule your time.

Ammunition

Any ammunition shipped to the NTC will be for practice use only. Teams should plan to use all ammunition shipped, because it will *not* be returned to the site.

Shipping Firearms

Weapons shipments must be received by the NTC's Receiving/Shipping Department no later than May 17.

Please e-mail tracking numbers and date/method of shipment to Andy Anderson: banderson@ntc.doe.gov.

Use the following shipping address:

Andy Anderson Echota Technologies Corporation/NTC Building 30133, KAFB Albuquerque, NM 87117 (505) 845-5170, x424

- On the shipping label, have your shipping department write "SPOTC Competition" and any charge code reference required for the return shipment. Each shipment must include a packing list that specifies the make, model, asset identification, and serial numbers of firearms. Each case should have two strapping bands and be in serviceable condition. (Damage to cases will be brought to the attention of the carrier's driver.) Request that your shipping department use tamper-indicating devices, and provide any seal/tape numbers in your shipment notification e-mail.
- AVOID shipping locked cases. Cases will be opened and serial numbers verified. If your site security policies require a locked case, send the key separately to the shipping address above so we can verify the shipment upon receipt. If we receive no key, the lock will be cut.
- Provide a FedEx account number for the return shipment of weapons to your site. NTC policy is to ship firearms "priority overnight" through FedEx.
- If you have shipping concerns, call Andy Anderson at the number above, or e-mail him at banderson@ntc.doe.gov. We will work with your site's receiving/shipping department to get your firearms back to you as quickly as possible after the competition.

Ammunition

The NTC will provide all ammunition for the competition (see types below).

DON'T ship ammunition for use during the competition. Ammunition may be shipped for practice purposes, but the practice ammunition must be used in its entirety.

WINCHESTER FRANGIBLE

- 40 Smith & Wesson, product code RA40SF, 135 grain
- 5.56mm jacketed frangible, product code RA556JF, 45 grain
- 9mm +P, product code RA9SF, 100 grain

GREENSHIELD FRANGIBLE

• 45ACP, 125 grain

Equipment and Uniforms

Competitors must bring their own site-issued duty equipment, including the following:

- Duty weapons and magazines
- Duty belt holster and magazine pouches
- · Boots that provide ankle support
- Duty uniform
- Duty gloves
- · Knee and elbow pads
- Protective mask
- Body armor

IMPORTANT: This required equipment will *not* be issued by the NTC.

Duty uniforms are required for all SPOTC competitors. A distinctive team shirt is permitted in lieu of a uniform shirt. (Physical-training gear will not be needed for this year's competition.)

The Competition

Registration

Teams registered in March and April. If you have questions, call (505) 845-5701, x608.

Check-In

All teams must check in with the NTC staff at the Albuquerque Marriott Hotel on Sunday, May 20, from 0700–0930 hours. Competition information, T-shirts, hats, and tickets for the awards ceremony will be available. *Original* signed medical forms must be completed and turned in during the team check-in at the hotel.

Team Captain Meeting

The team captain meeting will be at the NTC main campus, Classroom 2020, on Sunday, May 20, from 1400–1600 hours. This briefing will include assignment of starting times and positions for each event. Attendance is mandatory.

Welcome/Administration Briefing

The welcome/administration briefing includes competitor welcome, event briefing, and safety briefing. It is scheduled for 1830 hours on Sunday, May 20, at the Marriott Hotel.

Punctuality

Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their team members are at the designated areas on time and ready to compete for each event. Competitors who arrive late will be disqualified and will receive no score for that event.

Individual Competition

The individual phases test a competitor's knowledge, skill, and the ability to employ security firearms in brief, tactically oriented courses of fire. The phases employ both handgun and rifle.

DOE individual competitors are eligible for first-, second-, and third-place honors in competition for the Security Protection Officer of the Year award.

Law enforcement and military officers are eligible for first-, second-, and third-place honors in competition for the Police/Military Protection Officer of the Year award.

Team Competition

The team events test a team's ability to respond to tactically oriented situations effectively and efficiently. Team cohesiveness, decisiveness, and physical endurance play major roles in team performance. Events employ both handgun and rifle.

DOE teams are eligible for first-, second-, and third-place honors in competition for the DOE Secretary's Trophy. Police and military teams are eligible for first-, second-, and third-place honors for the Police/Military Team trophy.

DOE team leaders compete for the Team Leader of the Year award.

Score Challenges and Protests

Challenge and protest procedures are covered in Section 11 of the SPOTC Rulebook. The challenge fee for this year's competition is \$5, and the protest fee is \$100. If the protest is affirmed, the protest fee is refunded.

Safety

Safety is of paramount importance during the competition. Please ensure that you are familiar with range-specific safety rules listed in the *SPOTC Rulebook*.

Awards Ceremony and Dinner

The SPOTC banquet and awards ceremony will be held in the ballroom at the Marriott Hotel on Thursday evening, May 24, with no-host cocktails at 1800 and everyone seated by 1825. Family members are welcome. Tickets are \$35, payable in advance, and will be available at the Marriott Hotel and at the Live Fire Range on Sunday and Monday. The head count for the banquet is due by close of business on Monday, May 21. Please buy your ticket early.

Photographs

A photographer will be available to take team pictures at the Marriott Hotel on Sunday afternoon, May 20, from 1700–1815. Photographs also will be taken at the awards ceremony. Team captains will receive a team photo and a composite video of SPOTC activities.

